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Turin, Febr. 24. *N. S.*

THE *French* making great Preparations at *Cazal*, *Verceil*, and other Places on this ſide, againſt the next Campaign, all poſſible Care is taken here, by the repairing of our Fortifications, and adding new Works to them, the filling of our Magazines, and reinforcing our Gariſon, to diſappoint any Deſign the Enemy might have upon this Place; and for our better Security, his Royal Highneſs has given Directions for the making of ſeveral Redoubts on the Hill of the *Capuchins* near this City. Great Diligence is alſo uſed in fortifying the Towns of *Aſti* and *Quieri*, which will ſoon be put into a very good Condition of Defence. The Recruits which the Enemy expect from *France* come but ſlowly, and do generally conſiſt of Men very unable to bear the Fatigues of a Campaign in this Country, and who are very watchful of all Opportunities to deſert, moſt of them having been forced into the Service. Two *French* Battalions that were marching this way from *Chamberry* are countermanded; and it is ſaid they will be ſent towards *Rouſſillon*, together with a Regiment of Dragoons which is quartered on that ſide.

Rome, Febr. 27. The Duke of *Anjou* having nominated a Perſon to ſucceed in a Prebend which is become vacant in *Catalonia*, Cardinal *Janſon* ſollicited the Pope to grant the neceſſary Bulls for that purpoſe; but Monſieur *Caunitz*, who manages the Emperor's Affairs here, has entred a Proteſt againſt it. Signior *Davia*, the Pope's Nuntio to the Emperor, has obtained Leave to return hither, and we do not yet hear of any one appointed to ſucceed him; from whence ſome make Conjectures, that the Differences with that Court are not likely to be ſoon accommodated. A Buſineſs has lately happened which may probably engage us in new Diſputes: Here are ſome Churches belonging to Foreigners, as that named *Dell' Anima* to the *Germans*, that of *St. James* to the *Spaniards*, and that of *St. Lewis* to the *French*, which have conſiderable Revenues that were bequeathed to them at ſeveral times by particular Perſons, either for the Support of their Clergy, or the Maintenance of their Poor. The Pope being informed that a great part of this Money given them for Charitable Uſes was miſapplied, gave Orders for the viſiting of thoſe Churches; but the Clergy who have the Care of them looking upon this as an Infraction of their Privileges, refuſed to admit the Viſitors; whereupon their Revenues have been ſequeſtred, and are to continue ſo till they ſubmit. The Foreign Miniſters make great Complaints of this Proceeding; and this Matter has been the Occaſion of ſeveral extraordinary Congregations of the Cardinals, and of the ſending Expreſſes to the Courts of thoſe Nations to which the Churches belong, with Repreſentations concerning the Pope's Conduct on this Occaſion. The Body of Pope *Alexander* the Eighth was on the 18th Inſtant carried in great State from the Place where it was depoſited to the Church of *St. Peter*, and there interred under a very magnificent Monument, erected to his Memory by Cardinal *Ottoboni*, and his other Nephews. Cardinal *Janſon* being made Great Almoner of *France*, in the room of the Cardinal de Coaſlin, is upon his Departure thither. The Cardinal *d'Arquein* was ſeized laſt night with an Apoplectick Fit, and is not yet out of Danger; nor is it probable, conſidering his verygreat Age, that he ſhould recover. His Death would make the 21ſt Vacancy in the College of Cardinals.

Milan, March 6. The Dutcheſs of *Mantua*, who has reſided here ſome time, parted from hence lately for *Mantua*. The Prince and Princeſs of *Vaudemont* accompanied her Highneſs as far as *Cremona*, and are ſince returned hither. Orders are given for cloathing the Recruits raiſed this Winter for the Troops that are kept on foot by this Government. The *French* have lately received a conſiderable number of Recruits from *France*, which are not yet ſufficient to compleat their Regiments. They are fortifying their Poſts along the *Po*, the *Adige*, and the *Mincio*, and are making new Lines and Intrenchments along the *Oglio*, in order to prevent the Imperial Army's advancing that way; which, after it has been joined by the conſiderable Reinforcements that are expected from *Germany*, will be able to make a very powerful Diverſion of the *French* Forces, and will in all probability put a ſtop to their Progreſſes againſt the Duke of *Savoy*. The *French* have lately reinforced their Troops at *Dezenzano* and along the *Mincio*, being jealous that the Imperialiſts have ſome important Deſign in view, their Troops being lately become very numerous in the *Veroneſe*, where they have erected a great Magazine of Hay, and are making other Preparations for their taking the Field early in the Spring. The Senate of *Venice* has iſſued Commiſſions for the making of new Levies, and will have very ſtrong Gariſons this Summer in all the Towns belonging to that State in *Terra-Firma*. The *French* have diſſolved the Senate of *Nice*, and wholly changed the Form of the Government of that City. They are demoliſhing its Caſtle, and the Materials with which it was built are carried to *Antibes*, to be made uſe of in repairing and augmenting the Fortifications of that Place.

Haguenau, March 12. A great number of *French* Priſoners of War have lately been ſent from hence to *Strasbourg*, to be exchanged for ſo many *Germans*. A Regiment of the Forces of *Wolfembuttle*, which lay at *Biſchweyler*, is marched from thence towards *Wolfembuttle*, having been relieved the 10th Inſtant by the Regiment of *Anſpach*. The Imperial Forces which were quartered in the Biſhoprick of *Spire* are marching